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Report of Work in Connection with American Presbyterian Mission  
Ratnagiri India during year 1893-4

It is now almost a year since Miss Green & I arrived in Ratnagiri; we reached here about two o'clock on Sunday Morning Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 93.

We were carried from the small boat to the shore on the shoulders of two men.

When any of the Lord's children come across the sea to tell the Gospel news in Ratnagiri it just seems like a literal fulfillment of Is 49. 22 "I will lift up my hands to the Gentiles & set up my Standard, and they shall bring my sons in their arms & my daughters upon their shoulders".

Mrs Hannum & Miss Jefferson met us on the shore & gave us a warm welcome. God has given us our <sup>(desires)</sup> hearts & has let us come to swell the numbers of those who were lifting up His Standard among the Gentiles.

May His dear Name be praised & may we so yield ourselves to His hands, that He may use us to lift up Jesus that these dear people may be drawn to Him. The Elder of the Church Ramachandra & his wife were at the Bungalow. How good it all looked so bright & cheery & such kind faces all around!

We partook of tea & bread & butter which Mrs Hannum had prepared for us & retired to our rooms feeling more sure than ever that His goodness & mercy were

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him that he may be drawn. For a few days we only spent half an hour a day with our Pandit (or teacher), then after a little while an hour & then two hours which we have kept up. I learnt the first word from Mrs Hannum ॐ (God).

Miss Golluck had given us a Text for the language "He shall teach you all things". Thank God for His promises. Oh may He give grace to stand up on them, they will bear for they are proved & tried.

School Work

From the very first we have had the great privilege of going with Miss Jefferson to visit her school at Karali & occasionally with Miss Minor to her school at the Fort. Miss Jefferson gave me a class of small boys to teach sewing.

They learn very quickly & when their piece of work is long enough hold it with their toes & sew backwards. It was a great joy to us to hear these ladies tell their Bible stories & explain their catechism, although we could not understand we knew it was God's message being given & we could pray for them. May God make us more faithful in this part of our work. When we had learnt the letters, the ladies allowed us to go into the school on the compound

(the premises of our dwelling) for half an hour each day, to teach them to some of the little girls.

### Visiting.

(The first Sunday we were here Mrs Hannum & Miss Jefferson took us to visit the poor lepers & once every week since, while we have been in Ratnagiri, <sup>we</sup> accompanied Miss Jefferson to visit them. God has indeed answered our prayers for these poor women, their manner has quite changed. At first they did not care to listen. One poor woman without any hands, lifted her poor stumps of arms saying "It is all very well for you who have hands & feet." Another when Miss Jefferson invited them to come to Jesus said "How can I come to Him without hands or feet." But now, thank God, they look for our coming, & listen with eager faces, to the story of Him, whose wish & power are able & willing to save from the dreadful sin leprosy. One dear woman today told Miss Jefferson she did believe in Jesus Christ. May God be praised.)

Miss Jefferson has also taken us very often with her to visit some of the homes & has kindly allowed me lately to take my audience

Visiting continued

To play while she & Miss Green sings. We have also been with her & Mr Hannum to visit some of the villages around. Mr Hannum also gave us some old Sunday School lesson papers to give away, & we learnt some sentences & some texts to repeat where God gave us an opportunity. One morning we met an old Brahman gentleman & offered him a tract. He asked us what it was, & we told him it was from our Bible. "How are we to know that the Bible is true" he asked? We told him that alone without the teaching of God's Holy Spirit we cannot understand God's Word, & we asked him just before he read it, to ask the true God, to teach him the truth. He looked very grave as he promised. We have not met him since. May the Lord grant that we may meet him in Heaven.

We had also two or three days of bookselling, we sold 40 gospels & the people received us very kindly. In one house they invited us in & when we had sung two Hymns & read them a few verses asked us to come again. Another woman called to us to come & sit down on her verandah & asked us to sing & read, & finally brought us a cocoa nut & opened it for us & gave it

to us to eat.

About the end of March we went up to Panhala & had the pleasure of meeting several more of the lord's dear children. & Oh how good it was to see them, earnest, loyal servants of the King, both American & Indian who are seeking to bring to their Master that for which He thirsts not vinegar but souls. We were strengthened & refreshed by our fellowship with them. God gave us many little opportunities of sowing grains of His precious living seed, chiefly among the women we met in our walks. One dear woman to whom we had given a tract clasped it to her bosom saying "It is about Jesus Christ" It is about Jesus Christ. One evening as we were taking our walk, we gave a tract to a man & repeated a tract. He asked us to come & visit his people. He said there are many women & children who would be glad to hear you. So a few evenings afterwards we took our Testaments & Hymn books & went to visit his people the Mahars, one of the lower castes. It was the time for their evening meal, so very many were gathered together. They asked us to sit down & sing. When we had sung one or two

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Hymns, they asked us to read some from our Book. When we had finished reading, they told us that one of their little girls could read & asked us to hear her. We asked her to read John 3rd chapter 14th to 16th verses. The little one read the verses & then explained it, (that is) the 16th verse as she had heard it in the Christian school. How one wished the lady who had taught the little one, could have seen this result of her work, but one day she will know. It was a grand sight, the little girl standing on a raised place & the people sitting on the floor below. There were two or three old men among them & Oh how they listened to the living words! It seemed as though our cup of joy were overflowing, as though we could contain no more. But God had still more for us. As we were returning home, we met the young <sup>king</sup> of Kolhapur, who was staying in Jankala. He asked us where we had been and for what, & so God gave us an opportunity of telling him about our Jesus. We did pray he might wish to hear more & God has answered our prayers. He has since spoken to one of the Indian Christians

who preached to him Jesus.

I have also had the pleasure of giving away about sixty copies of the English New Testament to young men who are learning English.

Sunday School Work.

This is very brief, three Sundays only had I the great joy of teaching some little girls from Miss Jefferson's school the Golden Text & some portions of the Catechism, but it was a foretaste of what God has in store when He has prepared me. His promise is quite true He has been with us & has not failed us. Hallelujah!

I would like to say in conclusion how very very grateful I am for the kind way in which the members of this Mission have received us & made us welcome. And also for the kind help & sympathy of those with whom we are associated in Ratnagiri. Mr & Mrs Hannum have done all that lay in their power to help us forward. Miss Minor, Miss Jefferson & Mr Sedford have also been most kind. May God reward you all for Jesus sake.

L. Musworth.

(Recd July 27)

Kolhapur

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Victoria Cottage  
Mahalleshwar. India  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1895

Robert E. Speer Esq. Mrs. G. H. Ferris.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions  
My dear Mr. Speer.

In compliance with a suggestion in a printed circular issued by the Board of Foreign Missions, dated Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 and received by us in Kolhapur on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, Rev. J. M. Gohem, our Station Secretary, called a meeting as soon as possible after all our members were returned from village tour &c, so on the evening of March 5<sup>th</sup> we met in Mr. Irvine's bungalow to read & consider the paper.

At this meeting I was appointed to write to you, informing you that we had such a meeting and for such a reason.

I beg your pardon for writing on other paper than that specified by the Board, but as there seems to be <sup>no</sup> supply of said paper, I use the best that I have.

We met at 8 P.M. at Mr. & Miss Irvine's bungalow & all were present of the Kolha-



pur Station, excepting Mrs R. G. Wicker, who  
 was detained on account of a severe cough.  
 Our Secretary opened the meeting with  
 prayer for a Blessing on the Board & our-  
 selves, asking for wisdom to understand,  
 and guidance to see, what we were call-  
 ed upon to do; that we might not ask  
 but for Christ, being led by His Holy Spirit.  
 Excepting as we carefully considered  
 each paragraph, of course no action  
 was taken by us.

It certainly is a matter of deep regret  
 to us all, that there seems a lack in  
 the Lord's treasury and we shall all  
 pray that the Lord will lead many  
 to give gifts until the windows of  
 heaven shall be opened & Blessings shall  
 be poured out upon all more abundant  
 ly than we can think or ask.

But that the Lord needs money, but you,  
 as well as we, know how greatly He  
 has blessed the free use of His own  
 gold & silver.

As to the actions of the Board, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>  
 1892, in regard to the sending out all  
 qualified ordained men that might  
 apply during that fiscal year, we believe  
 the Board is right to continue doing so.

The ranks are depleted year by year, by some, going to the home land for a rest after years of wear & toil; others are called to lay down the armour while still actively serving at the front, to take up their cross above and it seems to us that as long as our Lord tarries so long qualified missionaries should be sent out to fill the depleted ranks and to press on into unconquered territory.

It is hard for us to contemplate such a possibility as having our appropriations less for the year '95-'96 than they were for '94-'95! God forbid! For ourselves we know that in all our estimates & calculations we only ask for what we actually expect to use. Sometimes plans must be altered & a balance is left; but we use the utmost care in estimating, though we can not always fore-see where the Lord will open before us a new way of work.

Each year we study to keep expenditures down to the lowest point but it is distressing to contemplate work in hand being cut down & closed.

Weful often & again that the scope &

efficiency of our work is already curtailed by present economy & long to reach out farther & reach more than we now are able to reach with our limited means & equipment.

Mr. Curt's words may be true "when the Lord assigns to a society a certain income" &c. But we all ask has the Lord assigned to any Society or Board a definite income? We all know how in our own Church the gifts increase - that is the income is greater each year of opportunity. So it is with every Society as far as we know. Shall any man limit the Lord's power or His Willingness to have money used for Him - He also has said "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." Hag. 2. 8.

1. (The question is again put to us in regard to "self-support in the native Churches." It is a decidedly different matter when a Church has a large membership with perhaps many ~~more~~ <sup>men</sup> in Government employ or with incomes of from one hundred (100) to five hundred (500) Rupees a month, but take our two Churches who have called Pastors owing to Mr. Gillarpie's elegant appeal when here - Kodali & Kolhapur.

As far as I've been able to ascertain in regard to the <sup>Kodoli-Agotavadi</sup> Kodoli Church with its thirty-three (33) communicants, only five have salaries from the Mission amounting to Rs 82 <sup>each month</sup> and the others are day labourers with wives to support on a mere pittance. Some have fields but small income from them. The men paid by the Mission, or at least four of the five put aside their tenth towards the Pastor's salary, Church collection & the parties support of old or lame members. About Rs 5 of this united tenth goes to the Pastor whose salary is supplemented by Rs 10 from the Mission, giving him only Rs 15. where he formerly had Rs 16. as a Catechist. The farmers & labourers give him an occasional gift of fresh vegetables or the use of a bullock &c.

The Kolhapur Church is naturally more flourishing; having 78 communicants, of whom 18 are in Mission service with salaries amounting to a total of Rs 205. a month; 5 are employed as house-servants at salaries which united make Rs 33.; 1 is in Government employ at Rs 30.; 1 is co-partner for the Bible Society at Rs 12.; the rest are working for themselves in trades or emp-

by the Church - or special gifts for such people or work or day labourer in their own or other fields & of course many are wives & non-earners or pupils in the Boarding School. I can make a total of salary & estimated income which amounts to only Rs 328 <sup>a month</sup> in the whole Kolhapur Church, aside from the missionary members & also commencing the Pastor who has Rs 80 paid, one half by the Church & one half by missionaries who attend the Church.

Of course no one can insist on each one giving his or her tenth (though of course urged upon each one) nor when the tenth is given to the Lord can we insist upon its being given for the Pastor alone. We know they contribute to the weekly collections and also at times help those who are poorer. These same collections are used not for the salary but for Sunday School paper or candles, lights, & supporting some decaying members of the Church.)

2. As we have a medical plant in the Mission we feel it should be as well equipped as possible in order that the work it is supposed to do, may be as well

done as possible.

At present we own no High School building, but no one can deny the fact, that such schools afford excellent opportunities of reaching a class of young men, who are hard to reach in other ways, nor can we deny the fact that we need men & women who persistently and systematically preach and teach the Gospel in towns & villages.

How then can this be done. except we own preaching or teaching places, where-in we may gather the people. No elegant nor elaborate buildings, but good walls with a roof & doors & windows.

We must have places in which to teach & shepherd those who are won for Christ.

The amount of texts & Gospel truths taught in the lower schools would amaze people at home. Sometimes it is even a surprise - a glad surprise <sup>to us</sup> - to see how well they are learned and remembered.

Take the question of salaries again. The highest paid agent, in our whole American field, I believe only Rs 50 a month or an exchange now is, only \$ (13.83) thirteen dollars &

thirty three cents. Of course it is a great deal <sup>more</sup> than the man has who has only one dollar a month but I do not know as it makes any more of a gulf than naturally exists between an educated and uneducated man.)

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I see I've anticipated this head by my remarks above on tricarips. In many cases gifts are offered, by individuals, societies & Sunday Schools at home, to us on the field. We believe that the majority if not all of us request these would-be-donors to send things to the Board as that is the Board's request & we feel it is the best way. It may be a temptation to some of us to accept these offers if our appropriations are cut down, however we promise to be as faithful to our Board as we possibly can be in this respect.

Our Treasurer can better answer this question about the fall in price of silver increasing the purchasing of gold, than we out here who are not financiers.

It certainly is a gain to the Board when they grant us an item of \$100.00 for some work & we only account to

draw Rs 900 instead of Rs 1125, as exchange now is.

(Such things as personal salaries apparently all increased but at the same time all goods have increased in price; as: - salt now 8 pice instead of 5 pice a pound; tea is one quartie more, as is coffee & sugar & oil; cloth is one yard less to the rupee in common goods & of course better kinds also; all <sup>materials</sup> ~~goods~~ used in building are also more expensive.)

We actually have no more money when silver is low, than when it was much higher, for our Mission work, for we are still only drawing Rs 8 to the dollar.

Thousands of dollars without faith & prayer & God's blessing will not convert one soul but may they not be used & blessed by Him to the conversion of millions?

As to the mode, if not financial or in addition to financial ones, we believe

- 1<sup>st</sup> there is need of a deeper spiritual life,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> there is need of a more constant teaching & preaching of Christ by the power of the Spirit as it is given us when we are willing to stand up & confess, preach &



teach Christ to the dying millions to whom we have been sent by this same Holy Spirit.

In that we realize that with God, the Creator, God the Redeemer & God the Sanctifier rests all power, whether in heaven or earth, we fully intend observing the week of prayer from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>. We as missionaries are to be scattered here & there for a part or the whole of the hot season, engaged in a change of work or in search of health which will permit us to labor longer among this people than we otherwise could do, but we will all remember this appointed week, asking for a blessing on the whole people of God & that you & we may work in unity of spirit & purpose for the conversion of the whole world.

As far as possible I have given you a summary of our talk & opinions at our Station meeting & trust that we have met with your approval in our having the meeting whether we are able to throw any light on the subject of ways & means, or not.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely  
(Mrs G. H.) Lucy H. Lewis

On behalf of the  
Hobbspur Station.

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Ratnagiri India  
Mr. Robert C. Speer, Secretary  
New York

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Dear Brother,

A meeting of the Ratnagiri Station was held on 31st ult. to consider the Board's letter of 1st January. The late date of this meeting was due to the fact that the Board's letter was not received until after the members of the Station had departed for the hot season.

The questions suggested by the Board have been and are being considered by us. We gladly welcome the proposal of such questions for consideration, and, still more, any light upon their solution. We realize continually that our work is a spiritual work and requires spiritual power, and we earnestly desire both for ourselves and for the native church greater and greater measures of that power.

At a second session on 31st ult. action was taken as follows:

"Whereas: The Board in its circular letter of 1st January 1895 has put to the stations the question of the desirability of the Board's withdrawal from its action of 19th December 1892; and while, on account of the Board's having now withdrawn from the action referred to, no expression by this Station on the precise question put to us would be in order, yet

Resolved: That Patnagiri Station expresses its judgment as follows:

1 That we regard men and women as the most important agency in reaching men and women.

2 That, in our judgment, the sending out of new missionaries should, except in cases of special importance, take precedence even of work already in progress on the field."

Yours Faithfully,  
 William H. Hannum,  
 Secretary, Patnagiri Station.

Ratnagiri India 4 June 1895.

My Dear Brother Speer:

The Board's circular letter of 1st January, your letter to the Mission of <sup>23rd</sup> 15th January and 24th April and your very kind personal letter of 11th February are received. Thanks for your compliment on the Minutes. It is long chiefly to Miss Jefferson who wrote the narrative part of the copy sent to you. The rest notes only, were in my handwriting.

I am glad that you have suggested Dr. Quete's book. Some of the members have obtained copies and we all get the benefit. It is rich in suggestions even where caustic beyond reason.

I am awaiting advice as to the Telegraph Code. Would it not be well to send a copy to each station? In cablegrams as in other messages, would it not be well for the Board to send to the Mission Secretary answers to the Mission's communication? Serious confusion arose last February from the sending of such an answer to Dr. Lapiro. We used to expect that the original copies of the Board's

letters would be sent to the Mission Secretary for filing. It is only a carbon copy of your letter of 24th April that has come to me. I hesitate to mention these little things lest I be misunderstood, but do so to facilitate the business of the Mission. You refer to letter-paper as being sent. I am sorry not to have received it. I have about twenty half-sheets left and there is equal scarcity in other stations. I thank for envelopes and order blanks.

The pecuniary dependence of Indian Christians on missionaries, we alike deplore. Yet the question is often between that undesirable relation on the one hand and a lapse to idolatry on the other. If we should refuse to give Bilālii P. Jōii (to whom you allude) work for a livelihood she would, with scarcely a doubt, return to her old-totem gods, and filth and polygamy's husband. Yet think not that I am advocating the permanence of these dependent relations. I am arguing only that many such cases require us to move slowly toward the desired independence.

(Allow me to refer to Mr. and Mrs. Wilder's proposed assignment to this Mission. When we consider his life-long relation to this field through his parents, and his native ability as a Marathi speaker (in which no present member of the Mission can ever hope to equal him) would it not be most reasonable to say that unusual considerations would need to be presented to the Board to lead it to refuse the request of the W. J. Mission that Mr. Wilder should be located at Kolhapur permanently? Although the Divine blessing has rested richly upon his special commission, must we not still look upon it as in its nature exceptional and temporary? The actual development appears to be different from the work at first contemplated. He seems to be less a missionary to students than to missionaries. The wisdom of the Board's maintenance of such an anomalous method seems open to question. Its worst effect would probably be on Mr. Wilder himself. As to the evangelistic work among students classes of India, in the various schools and universities, it would seem almost clear

that to the success of so comprehensive a task a large community of Christian students is essential. There can hardly yet be said to be any such community in India. Mr. Wilder needs a home in a Mission, and he needs the guidance and the mild restraints of a Mission. Likewise this Mission, with every station sadly under-manned, needs him as a reinforcement; it needs his facile Marathi tongue; and it needs his sound and spiritual counsels in these vexatious questions of mission methods, which were never before so urgent upon us. I am sure too that the Mission would allow him large liberty to travel to speak on important occasions at a distance.

Yet after all these things are said (and I mean them only in the kindest way) I realize that other considerations may bar his settlement at Kolhapur. For example there may be ground to fear that his long and peculiar service before the public eye may have unfitted him for the comparatively obscure sphere of a member of this Mission. Perhaps too his physical inability to endure



the Indian sun may indicate that for his brief time in India he may as well be left free from a change of work, that will at least be difficult for him.)

My reason for dwelling so long on this matter is the great need of more men in this Mission to preach the Gospel. The fact that lack of funds is now keeping the Board from sending men leads me, for one, to regret the large expenditures for land and buildings in this Mission in the last few years. This regret only deepens by consideration of some points prominently involved in those expenditures. How could it be other than an error in policy for the Mission to recommend and the Board to establish a station five miles from 'Sangli' without abandoning 'Sangli' as a distinct station; or to open a sanitarium at Mahabaleswara without abandoning Panhala, which is of value as a sanitarium only?

I should hope that if the Board does find the means of sending one missionary to this field this year, that it will be a man for preaching rather than a woman

for nursing. (See Mission's order of preference).

We had hoped for a visit from you this year, and are deeply disappointed to hear the report of your coming contradicted. I had the pleasure of seeing Moorhead several times at Mahabaleswara last month. I was there for six days to confer with Mr. Graham and Miss Patton on important matters of mission methods committed to us by the Mission. By the way, Moorhead would be a welcome addition to the Mission, provided he thought well of it. I hope we may see something of Mott in his flight across Asia.

Mrs. Hannum and I have been thinking over some questions of missionary expenditure, which as she has given them ~~more attention~~, I leave to her to express some other time. She joins in kindest regards.

Yours Faithfully,  
William H. Hannum.

5 252 Dufferin St  
Toronto June 11 1895

Mr Robt E Speer

New York

My Dear Mr Speer

Wm J. Waulker.

Your kind letter  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> was duly received.

I think it very desirable  
that Miss Mcintosh go  
out this fall. Dr Converse  
I believe meant to provide  
her salary for a year  
& in case the South West  
Womans Board is unable  
to do as you suggest I  
feel that Dr Converse will  
esteem it a privilege

to contribute some for Dutch;  
outfit allowance and  
travelling expenses also.

My eldest sister - she is 32 -  
has longed for a number  
of years to go to the foreign  
field. She has for eight  
years been a very active  
Christian worker in Toronto  
in Church, Mission, & reform  
work for women. She has  
good health a strong constitution  
& a consecrated heart.

There are two things which she  
has felt were obstacles in  
the way of her going or rather  
of offering herself. one  
has been my father's poor  
health for the past few years  
& the other her secular

education. The first obstacle  
I think will be removed  
shortly as my father's health  
has improved & a younger  
sister is ready to fill my  
father's place in our home in  
case she goes. It is with  
reference to her education  
I wish to ask your opinion  
she has had a good  
common school education  
& in addition has studied  
with a private tutor - the  
Principal I believe of the  
high school here - whom  
I believe ~~would~~ give her  
the certificate of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
school teacher. I know  
of others who have gone out  
under our Board whose  
education was not  
superior to my sister's  
& who did well. Of course

I understand they are  
exceptions. My sister's  
experience in Christian  
work would I feel sure  
make her an efficient worker  
on the foreign field & personally  
I believe the language would  
not be difficult <sup>not to</sup> to acquire  
She has been much blessed  
here in her Christian work  
& I feel that her experience  
& success here added to her  
deep consecration would  
ensure success on the  
foreign field. In case of acceptance  
she would plan to spend a  
season in Dr. Moody's School  
in Chicago before going out.

A single lady is asked for by  
our mission for Miraj to what  
would be the prospect of my sister's  
acceptance for work with us there  
in view of the above? <sup>Yours most sincerely</sup>  
- W. H. Trautman

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Ratnagiri, 17 June, 1895.

Mr. R.E. Speer, *Secretary*

*Wm. R. Hamme*

My Dear Brother,

The members of the station have now gathered here again. I had to make a circuitous journey in returning. I went from Panhala to Mahabalesvara to attend meetings of the Committee on Constitution and rules, and of that on Qualifications and Pay of Agents. After a few days there I went on to Bombay to make some purchases, including a small supply of stationery for S.G. Pedanekara, who is conducting a book-shop here, as was told in previous letters. Of course the stationery is not bought out of the Board's appropriations. I next took steamboat for Vengurle, 225 miles South, which I reached in about twenty-four hours. I lodged in the Government "Traveller's Bungalow", and got my meals prepared by the regular mess-man of the house. I found our two preachers, B.S. Salavi and H.U. Ujagare, in good health and spirits, and went preaching with them in a square among the shops. Although I had intended to stay longer, I started to return to Ratnagiri before daylight the next morning, for there was danger of the boats ceasing to stop at Vengurle because of the rough weather.

Even then the foul-weather rates, double those of the fair season, were in force, so that I had to pay 8 Rs. from V. to R. About twelve hours brought me over the 95 miles to Ratnágiri, on 23rd. May.

Mr. Wilson, with Miss Minor and Miss Jefferson, returned from Maháblesvara by way of Panhála, where Mrs. Hannum and the children joined them, reaching Ratnágiri a little after I did.

Not much of note has transpired since our return. There has been much sickness, an epidemic of remittent fever, which has for a few days at a time laid aside most of the members of the church. Its probable cause was the unwholesome state of the air and water just before the heavy rains came. Those rains have been upon us in force for three days now, and we may expect a higher degree of general health. One of the members, P.M. Cholakhe, has gone to Kodoli as a teacher, under Mr. Tedford's direction. Another, Balábai P Josí, feeling aggrieved over a little matter, has betaken herself to her former village. We earnestly hope that, as it sometimes happens, the privilege of Christian society will be more appreciated by her from its absence, and that she will introduce something of the leaven of Christianity to her present community.

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The work of preaching has been begun again, both in the church and in the streets. The latter department of that work is done mainly by Samuel Peter, who though young is efficient. Sometimes Mr. Wilson goes with him to help by his presence, <sup>i</sup>f he cannot yet preach in Maráthi, and sometimes I go. The receptions that we meet are various. One day a lump of cow-dung, the Hindu's favorite <sup>i</sup>missle, struck my hat. I think that it was thrown by a small boy and that the men were ashamed of the incident, though no apologies were made. We moved a few yards away, and the same men followed along and listened to us a good while.

The ladies are conducting the school work as before, except that Mrs. Hannum has had to give up her visits to <sup>Á</sup>Ambeśeta. The path was quite too long and rough for her, and <sup>it</sup> seems wiser for her to give her strength to the instruction of some of the Christian women and to <sup>me</sup>some further study of Maráthi. Miss Minor and Miss Jefferson have met some encouraging receptions in visiting the women in their homes, and find more and more houses open to them.

We are well received as before, at that scene of misery, the leper asylum. Mr. Wilson and I have twice lately tried to teach some of



the men to sing a Marathi hymn in a simple Hindu meter, but only with the most moderate success, since but one man ventured an attempt. Yet the smiles that it elicited from him forbid us to call it a failure. We think that there is no danger of contracting disease, for we touch nothing at the place except with the <sup>soles</sup> ~~soles~~ of our shoes and with our walking-sticks; and then too it is on the Lord's business that we go.

The two English ladies are going on with their work as before. I have lately circulated among the European residents of Ratnagiri a subscription paper for the benefit of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission. One hundred fifty five rupees were realized. Our American Mission ceased years ago, I believe, to circulate such papers. Yet as this organization is English, and nearly all the Europeans here are English, it seemed appropriate to take this step. The home committee in London expects funds to be raised locally.

We have renewed our custom of Sunday evening conferences for prayer and Bible study. We are taking up the latter part of Isaiah.

*W.D.* / Ratnagiri station has distributed the cut ordered in your letter transmitting the appropriations, and dated 24th April, as follows:

Class V. 280; class VII 50; class IX 170; total 500 rupees.

I thank you for two packets of the Board's letter paper just now received from Miss Irwin. I shall distribute it to the members.

With the hearty prayers of the station for you and for all the agencies of the Board, I remain , yours fraternally,

*William H. Hannum.*

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D. M. Green 5  
Kolhapur, India.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Robert E. Speer Esq.  
Secretary.

My dear Mr. Speer,

It seems a long time since I last wrote you so am now seated to say a few words. I must first thank you for your letter received in April, while we were at Pambala. Over two months spent with the Theological Class there were very busy months, but very profitable to me as I trust they were to the class. Mr. Hamman assisted me in teaching, while Mrs. Goheen taught the wives of the students, (all were married but one). I had to come to Kolhapur occasionally, as all of my schools were in session except one.

We are now in the midst of our rainy season, but I am sorry to say very little rain has fallen as yet. The people are beginning to feel alarmed lest we may have a famine. I sincerely hope & pray that we may be spared from a famine, if it is the Lord's will, as I have no desire to see another

I have just made the rounds of my village schools and find a marked interest in religious things such as I have not seen manifested by the parents before. I firmly believe there shall be showers of blessings soon. In Kini, where there is the greatest interest, the Christian teacher & preacher have <sup>been</sup> stoned &c. which I think is a hopeful sign. Some of the strong men wept like children as I talked & prayed with them there. So in Wadgar & Herla there are earnest inquirers. We have been holding a series of meetings here in the City Church for some time past. I never saw our Church members so in earnest. There are from 75 to 100 Hindus & Mahomedans present every night and seem intensely interested. Mr. Wilder is to speak to the educated in English Saturday & Sunday nights. One young man - Somas (<sup>Dr. M<sup>rs</sup> Gillespie will remember him</sup>) told us he was ready to be baptized 10 days ago, but when the time came he held back. We are praying earnestly for him, there are others like him "almost persuaded." I dare say Dr. Maule's has been to see you in this. I do hope Bro. Seiler will return this fall, as we expect to go home next year & I would like him to take every

work as he is acquainted with the field & all.  
Mrs G. & I sent to England for Cust's book,  
as it was not to be found in India. We think  
much of what he says is good, but I can't  
help wishing he would just come & go with  
me for six months in the work.

Our Station feel the heavy reduction very much.  
I am thankful to say our church members voted  
to pay for "attendant," that is the man who takes care  
of the church. (I would like to ask if it would  
not be well hereafter, not to include Mr.  
Wilder's expenses in the Kolhapur Station ap-  
propriations? It seems to confuse him & us too,  
as he is not a member of our station or mission  
either. I sincerely wish he felt called to settle  
down among the Marathi people as the lan-  
guage is coming back to him, but the Lord  
knows best what his work should be. He told me  
the Board had decided that he should remain  
in the work he has been engaged in, at least till  
the end of his 1st term. He & wife are spending the  
vacation here) But I am inflicting a long letter,  
and must close. I know we have your  
earnest prayers for ourselves & the work.

Mrs Goheen joins in kindest regards.

Yours in His Service.

J. M. Goheen.

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*Hannum  
need of men*

Ratnagiri, India 23 July 1895

Rev'd Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,

Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, New York

Dear Brother:

It was with surprise that we learned from your and Mr. Speer's recent letters of the change in the Board's officer for correspondence with this Mission. Yet we rejoice that since such a change must be, you are the one appointed to the duty. We shall look forward to great help and spiritual refreshing from this mutual relation.

We rejoice too at the news of Mr. Seiler's expected coming this Autumn. On account of his experience we may expect from him far more help in the immediate future than from any new man that might be sent. Still we need the new men too that they may be preparing in the language and otherwise. Owing to the scanty visible results in this Mission and to the small nucleus of a Christian community through which to work, we must still follow primitive methods chiefly, such as itineration, street preaching etc., and for this we need men. Not that there is any lack of opportunity for women, but there is relatively far greater need for men. The outlook is that, including Miss Graham and the English ladies working under direction of this Mission at Ratnagiri, there will next Autumn be nineteen women to eight men in this Mission. I hope that the Board will find it practicable both to send a new man this year, and to comply with the Mission's recommendation in its order of preference as expressed in its Minutes and Estimates at the last Annual Meeting.

The English ladies alluded to are not only Misses Unsworth and Green, whose coming and work here are perhaps known to you from old

correspondence, but also two new missionaries, Misses Ferguson and Sharp, of whose designation to this place I have been apprised by the Rev'd A. R. Cavalier, Sec'y, Z.B. & M.M., London. They are highly recommended, and are said to be experienced workers, and Presbyterians.

Mrs. Hannum joins me in most cordial regards and prayers for rich blessing and joy to you in these new duties.

Sincerely Yours,

*William H. Hannum.*

Question asked  
on p. 2 - 3 -

I replied Sept-17  
asking what cost  
would be.

Bring ans. to Council



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Kolhapur. S. M. C

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Rev. Arthur J. Brown. D. D.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Dear Mr. Brown;

With others I am informed of your election to the place of Secretary of our Board and I add my little word of congratulation and welcome to you and rejoice that you are to be our special correspondent in the Board room.

2 For three years past we, who are members of the Western India Mission have been printing a little monthly paper - very small - paying the expenses without drawing in any way upon the Mission funds. We had and still have as many requests for "an interesting letter for our meeting" from societies at home that we thought this paper would serve as a monthly letter from us all. After starting it, many asked

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Indian Notes

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to be permitted to subscribe so we allow  
them to do so. We mail about five hun-  
dred copies each month and it has  
been my privilege as editor and  
manager to mail five copies each  
month both to Mr. Gillispie and Mr.  
Speer; the former as a personal friend  
and the latter as our Corresponding  
Secretary. From this month on, I  
shall take pleasure in mailing to  
you the five copies and hope it  
will be useful in some small way.  
Of course there are really sent by  
the business, <sup>and myself alone</sup> though the paper is not  
a mission organ it is printed by the  
sanction of the mission.

3 I suppose I may ask a question of  
you which I trust you will answer  
soon, if convenient. It is somewhat  
in connection with this little paper  
"Jordanian Notes".

Formerly we used to print our Annual  
Report of our work, using mission  
funds. Lately having the impression  
that the Board did not approve of

Missions so using any money, we have  
 ceased printing a Report by the Mission,  
 but we have allowed our Reports to  
 be printed in our little paper and  
 thus mailed to friends in America.

Not only as a member of Publishing  
 Committee of our Mission, but as the  
 Manager of the "Indian Notes," I am  
very anxious to know whether the  
Board disapprove of our printing  
and circulating our Reports in this  
way; also if the Board does not  
disapprove of our printing it in  
"Indian Notes," would they disapprove  
of our using some of the Mission  
funds for the same purpose.

We always ask in our estimate  
 for something to cover possible expense  
 of printing, &c in case we issue  
 a text-book, tract etc and usually  
 there is some unused money to re-  
 fund to the Treasury.

If not too much trouble could you  
 let me know so I may speak of  
 it at our Annual Meeting in October.

4 May I thought you, as knowledge the receipt of some correspondence paper from the Board, sent by Mr. Lucas or Mr. Spur.

5 We are having most reasonable and heavy rains which give a promise of a good harvest in this part of the Country. However the people are suffering from the excessive dampness which usually causes fever, colds and other troubles. We hear of Cholera in all parts of the country but as yet we hear of none about Kolhapur.

6 Recently two adult men were baptiz<sup>ed</sup> into the Kolhapur Church, from the out-station of Sherla. We pray much and ask you to also join with us, in beseeching the Father to use His Spirit to draw the young wives of these men to believe in and confess Christ. There are now six men who have taken Christ as their Saviour, at Hella, but as yet the wife of none of them will join her

husband and accept his God and Lord.

There are inquirers in another outstation and we were hoping some would come in today for baptisms, but the excessive rain doubtless will prevent their walking the fifteen miles.

Wishing you all success in your new field of labor and trusting that we shall be able to help you even as we believe you will help us, believe me

Yours very sincerely,  
(Mrs G. H.) Lucy H. Ferris

# INDIAN NOTES.

*Especially from the field of the American Presbyterian Mission in  
Western India.*

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It was the privilege of many of our circle to visit the outstation of Herla, which is under Kolhapur and superintended by Rev. J. M. Goheen. With one's regular duties, it is hard to find time to visit the work under others, unless on some special occasion such as opening a building for work. So several of us who had never been out to Herla, felt pleasure in going there on July 5th, and participating in the opening of the houses, of which a full account appears in this issue of our paper.

On July 4th, according to their usual custom, Rev. and Mrs. Goheen asked the Americans of Kolhapur to meet with them and help keep the National holiday as at home. Twenty, including the children sat down to a delightful supper, which was followed by real fire-crackers &c., then the rest of the evening was spent in songs, national and religious. The dear Stars and Stripes were added to by the pretty banner of Norway, showing that one of our number came from that far-away land.

In our last number we referred to the baptism of Narayan V. Tilak, in February and of his being at the time of writing in a place of trial and temptation. Recent advices say that he has been urged to recant and be received back into Hinduism. He stands firm in his faith in Christ saying they may kill the body but he will not recant. He did consent to be received back into caste, if they could prove by their holy books that they could receive him, still believing in Christ. A night was spent in earnest prayer that the Lord would deliver him.

In the morning he found his petition was answered by a division among his enemies, some saying to receive him into caste without making him give up Christ, while others refused to receive him unless he denied Christ. Now he hopes soon to leave Pandharpur taking his wife with him. God keep him and give him his family and use him for His glory.

Experience has proved that bread making in India is a most difficult thing to manage, as the hop-yeast will spoil and "toddy" a juice of the cocoanut tree is not easily obtained. The foreign residents in our various stations, all buy bread of Daniel Piraji the Christian baker. Even the Maratha king of Kolhapur sending a camel daily for his eight loaves. Recently an order was given to stop the giving of "toddy" to the baker, which is used as yeast for the bread. This order meant much when one thinks of suddenly being deprived of the raised bread all Europeans are accustomed to eat. Daniel called on the king and several state officials, but no one but the king could give the order for supplying toddy as the sap is from trees owned by the king. Every cloud has its silver lining, and so the appeal Daniel made to the king, was an opening for the Gospel message and as they first asked what the night meetings were for in the town, it gave a fine opportunity for telling the old story to one who would not willingly put himself when he could hear it, and Daniel says the "Lord strengthened me, so that without fear I told the good news." After a fortnight of suspense and also a trip to another town to renew his knowledge of hop-yeast-bread, the king has given an order to again allow Daniel to have "toddy."

### A HAPPY DAY FOR HERLA.

Hërla, a large village of about five thousand inhabitants is on the Miraj road, eight miles North-east of Kolhapur. It has been an out-station of our mission since 1889. An old Christian man belonging to the S. P. G. Mission had come to us to beg for a school for the Mahars among whom he was living. Finding from the S. P. G. Missionary in Kolhapur that the attempt made by their mission some years previous to this time, to keep a helper in that field had been unsuccessful, and that they had not a man to place there and would be glad if we could carry on the work they had begun, Tukaram Ramji was sent there. He soon had not only a day, but a night school also in progress.

The old Christian man Hu-appa who had been eager to have the school, rented him half of his one rather small room for a dwelling—and all of his twelve feet by ten verandah for a school-room. If that house and verandah were described as granary, garret, and cellar with their appropriate belongings as well as home and school-room it would be no exaggeration of terms. Of course we wanted a better place for Tukaram but there was no other house to be had for rent, and we had to be assured that Tukaram was the right man in the right place and that the school was to prosper, before we could think of building.

The school flourished, some of the boys advanced enough to enter the Christian Boys' School at Sangli, the next step up for them. Four of the men of the night school became Christians and were baptized and received into the church of Kolhapur.

Then we asked for money to buy land and to build at Hërla, but retrenchment was the order of the day and in a needy field Hërla's needs were by no means paramount. We waited to ask again when the new estimates should be sent to the Board at home and the need kept growing. Then a friend who knew all

about it came forward and offered a sum sufficient to buy the land and build dwelling houses, and later, enough was added to put up a school house.

Tukaram had kept asking for help that preaching might be done regularly in the town and the neighbouring villages. It was planned to send out Basantrav another good helper to make Hërla his headquarters for evangelistic work in that district.

The buildings were begun in February last and completed in May, Basantrav was ready to move out from Kolhapur, and Tukaram and his family to move from their crowded quarters as soon as the roofs should be on the houses, but it was first necessary to reach water in the well they were digging on the premises. The Christian families would not be allowed to get water from any of the wells near to their houses.

Every messenger who came from Hërla was questioned as to the probability of their soon striking water. One week the answer was "We are down to the rock" the next week "Below the rock in the moist earth," and then finally one Saturday evening one of the workmen came in to tell us that they had come to living water. Living water! that is a spring perennial—a stream strong and steady even in the hot season.

The next day at church the word was passed from one to another "Living water in the well at Hërla." And more than one I am sure repeated the words with a hope and a prayer.

It was to help in dedicating these new buildings that a goodly company of missionaries including the revered Native pastor of the Kadoli-Aitivada Church and one missionary child—eleven in all left Kolhapur early in the morning of July 5th.

So early in the rainy season the verdure is everywhere fresh and this added to the varied scenery and the pleasant company made the drive a delightful one. When the Miraj road strikes off from the old Satara turn-pike, begins the beautiful bamboo avenue, the pride of the whole

country side. The bamboos have been planted in clumps on each side of the road and in many places the long feathery sprays meet high over-head. Sometimes you see before you a long tunnel of rich green. Sometimes the sunlight falls through on a pretty stone bridge or a bit of green sward. One must occasionally stop the gravest kind of talk to notice the beauties of Bamboo Avenue.

We reached Herla in good time and found the advance members of our party preaching in the main street to a large audience. The school-room was well filled with people from the town and the little Christian community. The dedication services were simple but most hearty and impressive. There was a note of thanksgiving through it all for what had already been done, with a hope for and an asking for greater blessings in the future. Satoba, the Kadoli pastor, Mr. Goheen, Mr. Tedford and Mr. Wilder made addresses in each of which there was the Gospel invitation. After appropriate singing the services ended, Mr. Simonson pronouncing the benediction.

Then we went to see the little dispensary adjoining the school-room where Basantrav keeps the simple medicines that he knows how to use for common ailments. He has already treated many people. Then to see the two homes near by. They are just alike and although joined by the middle wall are entirely distinct each from the other. We admired the tidiness and comfort. We tasted the water from the well and heartily pronounced it good, and then as there was still the long drive before us, we took leave and came away. The plan for Herla at present is to have Tukaram teach the day and night schools, Basantrav to dispense medicines, superintend a little school at Halandi one mile from Herla—and preach regularly in Herla and the neighbouring villages.

The wives of these two men to teach singing in the schools, and work among the women of the place as they have opportunity and as their family cares allow them. The missionary in charge to visit the place at least once a month to

examine the schools, preach and counsel, advise and encourage the helpers.

And we here ask you, who read this little sketch, to unite with us in asking a blessing on this work, that many souls in Herla may hunger and thirst after righteousness and be satisfied by the Living Water.

A. M. GOHEEN.

July 12th.

### NOTES FROM STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.

*Kolhapur*.—Our loss is Herla's gain, when Basantrav is no longer here, but we hope great things for our out-station.

In addition to the full routine of regular work, our missionaries have been spending much time for three weeks, beseeching the Lord to move upon the people of Kolhapur city, turning some unto Himself. Preaching services, also the magic lantern, have been used in the town Church, drawing good audiences in the evenings. Talks by the various missionaries in Marathi, alternating with the Indian helpers have been interesting and we trust helpful. We believe twelve evenings were filled in this way, closing with two addresses by Robt. P. Wilder in English for the more educated classes.

The annual prize-giving for the State Girls' Schools, which is held in the Palace, was attended by the ladies of our mission residing in Kolhapur. As usual the 'Padre lok' or missionaries, exceeded the ladies of the paramount power in India; six ladies under the English society, called Society for the Popagation of the Gospel and seven of our mission, while only four non-missionary ladies being present recalls what one of the Native ladies once remarked, "They have all gone missionaries."

*Sangli*.—Miss Brown made a visit in Kolhapur the first week of July.

Dan Kandoba who has been sick for several months, died in Sangli on July 13th, the disease having developed into



consumption. The burial was at Miraj, the body being carried there on a cart, to be buried in the cemetery purchased by Dr. Wanless in connection with the Hospital.

*Miraj*.—Rev. G. H. Simonson, alone at Miraj is carrying on the work of the station, occasionally relieved on Sunday, by Rev. L. B. Tedford who goes out from Kolhapur.

*Ratnagiri*.—Hiraba Ujari who has been very ill at Vengurla, the out-station of this place has improved in health, but the doctor saying that he could not live there, has decided Hiraba to move into Ratnagiri.

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### STRAWS.

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This is a certain indication that the demon drink is making rapid progress among the higher classes. Half-a-dozen taverns where high class people live in a single street of a big city in the south is a frightful omen of what is in store in the future of the spiritual people of this country.

Babu Shashipad Banerji who has a Home for Widows at Calcutta, has been on a visit to Poona to see the good work of Pandita Ramabi. He has about twenty widows in his Home. In regard to funds he finds his countrymen there as unwilling to give to this cause, as they seem to be in this Presidency. To care for the widow seems to have very little place in the Hindu heart.

A split is reported to have occurred among the Jains, the wealthiest people in Rajputana. One section of them held a conference recently at Ajmere, and challenged the other side to prove from the Shastras the validity of certain rites they observed which the others discarded. The Jains at Ajmere have taken offence at this, and have threatened to prosecute their opponents, as they are proud of the fact that theirs is the only religion of which very little is known to outsiders.

Their Shastras are all in manuscript, and are kept in the temple under lock and key.

The nautch parties, so frequent in India, are an evil system, and any check which they may receive is an influence on the right side. The *Eastern Star* rejoices that in Madras a change has come over the Christian community, and it believes that in future neither Indian nor European Christians will so far forget themselves as to be present at such entertainment. Our contemporary also chronicles an interesting suit for damages brought by a Brahmin against two dancing girls who had insulted him. It seems he was present at a marriage ceremony at a friend's house at Kidiyur, and there was the inevitable nautch party. The Brahmin visitor refused to notice the nautch girls, who began to sing indecent songs and in other ways to annoy him. The Brahmin sought to recover Rs. 100 damages from the dancing girls; the District Munsiff awarded Rs. 20 only. But this displeased the dancing girls, and they appealed to the court of the subordinate Judge of Mangalore. He however upheld the case of the Brahmin, and regretted that the District Munsiff did not award the full Rs. 100 damages claimed. This decision ought to encourage supporters of the Anti-Nautch movement.—*Bombay Guardian*.

The popularity of Mahableshwar is shown by the facts disclosed by the census taken on the 14th of last month. There were on that day resident on the hill 573 Europeans and 9,166 Natives. The live stock included 637 horses, 315 bullocks, 453 cows, 267 buffaloes, 117 sheep and goats, and 133 other animals.—*Dnyanodaya of June*.

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MillerHillsdale, Mich.  
Aug. 23. 1895Mr Wm Duller Jr  
Treasr

My Dear Mr Duller:

We have come to the conclusion that it would be better for Miss Seiler to go along with me than come in '96. We will leave the 2 eldest children in Wooster and take Elizabeth, John<sup>#125</sup> and Julia, act. 10 mos 3/4 and 8 1/2<sup>#125</sup> years or below y. It may be thought that Julia is rather large to take back, but her temperament is such that we think it best to have her with us quite a number of years yet.

Kindly write me as soon as

possible and let me know how  
much luggage and goods we are  
allowed to take. My mother gave  
us nearly all of her furniture,  
wh. I hardly know how to dispose  
of, and not having cash with wh.  
to buy furniture when we reach  
India, I would like to take out  
as much as I can.

Also let me know whether  
we must sail Sept. 28. Mrs.  
S. has done much household  
work, and I would like it if  
she could rest a few weeks prior  
to sailing. If it be decided  
that we should sail so early as  
Sept. 28, I should be obliged to you  
if you would telegraph me, as a  
talk with Mrs. S. in preparing would  
make quite a difference.

Yours Truly  
S. H. Teitel.

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Mr Robt E. Speer  
Presbyn Rd. Foreign Missions  
53, Fifth Ave  
New York City.

W. 2nd Hillsdale, Mich  
June 15/95

Dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter received.  
I expect to go alone to India next  
fall, and Mrs. S. with some of  
the 5 children will follow in  
1896. D.V.

Yrs Truly

Galen W. Miller.

47 S. Manning St.  
Hillsdale, Mich.  
June 4. 1895

Mr. J. O. Sear,  
Dear Sir:

Leeds

I returned from <sup>no</sup> Europe several weeks ago, and have been trying to decide several important questions, i.e. whether I should return to India this year or in 1896; whether I should go alone this year and Mrs. S. come a year later, and whether we should leave any of the children. I have thought I had better go next autumn, and when I went to the Dr. to be examined I learned that he was absent at a State Med. Convention and would not be back until Friday. Consequently, without an examination, he ventured to say that there would be no unfavorable Report from him, most probably. So, if the Appropriations should be made this week, might not a Court act in my case by anticipation



Would the Board object to all our  
children's going out at its expense?  
The expense on their account, in India,  
would be much less than here, you know.

Our eldest, Carra, is now 12 <sup>yr</sup> 3 mos.  
old. I had a letter from Dr. Man-  
gip several days ago. Please write  
me soon.

Yours Sincerely,  
W. D. Miller.

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Mr Robert C. Lee - Secy  
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Do you know that the  
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.  
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

Questions to be answered by the Medical Examiner.

1. Name and residence of applicant, and how long a resident of present locality?

Rev. Galena W. Seiler, Hillsdale Mich.  
About 3 years.

2. Have you had previous acquaintance with the applicant?

Not known - to 4 years ago

3. State weight, height, and figure of the applicant?

145 - 5-5. erect & muscular

4. Does general appearance indicate vigorous health, medium health, or want of vigor?

Vigorous health.

5. What is the temperament of the individual—Nervous, Lymphatic, or Bilious?

6. Does a thorough examination of the chest indicate any disease of heart or lungs?

No.

(a) If there are any abnormal sounds, please refer to them at length, and state your opinion as to their significance.

(b) Is the true respiratory or vesicular murmur complete?

*Yes.*

(c) What is the number of respirations in a minute?

*17.*

(d) What is the number of pulse beats in a minute, and what is the condition of the artery as to tension?

*72. Normal Condition.*

[If any marked deviation from normal condition exists, please examine another day.]

(e) What is the amount of chest expansion (in inches)?

*3 in.*

7. Have the parents, brothers, or sisters, of applicant been affected with pulmonary or other diseases hereditary in their nature? If so, state what.

*No.*

8. Is the applicant subject to cough, hoarseness, loss of voice, difficulty of breathing, or palpitation of the heart?

*No.*

9. Has any injurious effect been produced upon the constitution by previous illness or injury?

*No.*

(a) Has the applicant ever had malarial fever, and if so, does there now exist any appreciable result of this disease? State particulars.

*No.*

(b) Is the applicant specially sensitive to the heat of the sun in summer?

No-

10. Does there exist any predisposition to local or constitutional disease?

No - Not at present

11. Are the functions in a healthy state, of

(a) The brain and nervous system?

Yes

(b) The muscular system?

Yes

(c) The digestive system?

Yes.

(d) The urinary organs?

Yes

If unhealthy, please state particulars.

12. Do any conditions of eyes or ears indicate it as desirable that they be examined by a specialist?

No. " has had ear trouble but was examined by a specialist - the ear trouble is of long standing result of Scarlet fever.

13. Do you consider the state of health such as would render the applicant an acceptable risk to any first-class life insurance company?

I think he would be a good risk.

14. What climate would be best adapted to the constitution?

Stand both - & remains very well

15. Would a tropical climate be likely to induce diseases of the liver?

I think not - in this case -

16. Are there any facts known to you affecting the health of the applicant not brought out by the above questions? If so, please state them. Please refer in detail to any abnormal condition that your inquiries may elicit (particularly in case the applicant is a woman.)

Had Nervous prostration 4 yrs ago on his return from India. but - as - for as -  
Examination or - medicine show he was entirely recovered - and runs - as - well & healthy as at -

N. B. It is expected that the Medical Examiner will make the examination thorough, exact, and circumstantial, that he will feel the responsibility of his office, bearing in mind that upon his statements great reliance will be placed by the missionary applicant and his friends, and by the Board.

ATTEST :

E. O. Moore M.D.

Signature of Medical Examiner.

Dated at

Holland Mich

June - 11<sup>th</sup>

1880,

To be signed by Medical Examiner, and forwarded, with bill, to

SECRETARIES OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

154 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

1. Additional numbers sent by B & M. M. S. - London  
2. Inadequacy of men workers.  
3. Requests from some of Mission for more, preaching  
4. Conversion of Samian & Zanga to Protestantism  
5. Election of new Secy  
6. Visit of Mr. Hamum to exp. King of B. & M. S.

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Emily . . . . .

Ratnagiri, India  
Aug. 27. 1895

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.  
Dear Dr. Brown,

In writing the bi-monthly letter of Ratnagiri Station to the Board, I have it becoming my pleasure to begin this correspondence with you as our new Secretary. We trust that through our correspondence, we may become better acquainted, and may become mutually helpful in our Master's service.

1. Since Mr. Hamum's letter in June, I have learned that the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission of London, in response to the request for more workers, will send in October, two ladies to join us in Ratnagiri. Their names are Miss Sharp and Miss Ferguson. We shall gladly welcome them, for our field is a wide one. With the exception of those in Ratnagiri, there are no other workers among the women of this district of a

million people. Mr Hammon's recent plan is to keep them in Ratanagiri for a time at least, so their Society will rent a Bungalow for them and the four ladies of the Society will live together. Miss Jefferson and I feel sorry to have Miss Unsworth and Miss Green leave our Bungalow, for we have found in them earnest, helpful friends, but we rejoice in the addition of workers for this large field. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

2. There is an abundance of work among the women, which seems to be everywhere, but there seems much need of men, already in our Mission, the number of women doubles that of the men, and in our Station, it will be three times that of the men. In our Ratanagiri district, there are several large towns where the Gospel is preached only once or twice during the year. One of these towns is called Malvan, it lies on the coast, sixty miles south of Ratanagiri, and there have come several requests for work to be opened there. To the south of



Mirvan lies Benquale, where two native Christians are now beginning work.

Misses Bluworth and Green have in about two weeks to take their final examination in Marathi. We have no fears in regard to their passing their examination for they have made excellent progress.

Early in July, Mr Wilson decided to go to Bombay for about two weeks, as he was not feeling quite well. His leave of absence has been extended, and now he does not expect to return to stay, until after our Mission Meeting in October.

4. In July a young Roman Catholic called Damian De Souza was received into our Church. He had formerly been the cook in a missionary's family of another Mission, but for the last few months had been employed by Misses Bluworth and Green as a general servant, until they should be in their house-keeping. Miss Bluworth has given him faithful instruction, and though before he knew something of

the last salvation story it has been only a short-time since he has received Christ as a personal Saviour. He seems very earnest.

Last week at a meeting of our Church members, two new elders were elected. For some time last Ramchandra Shingade has been the only elder, but it now seemed advisable to increase the numbers. Two members elected Sankara M. Gaywad for two years, and Samuel Peter the Catechist for three years, Ramchandra Shingade remaining the senior elder. On Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> there was a very impressive service, when these two new elders were set apart for their duties. Mr. Hiron who was staying in Mirai returned for the service, and brought with him Mr. Simonson, and both assisted Mr. Hannon in the service. The presence of our new elders, now both in their respective duties, should be truly witnessed among the heathen.

We believe that the following is a

work in Raminari and we are to  
 see the fruits of ingathering. He also felt  
 that the evil one would overthrow the  
 work, and even scatter our Church if  
 that were possible. During the last two  
 weeks, our Church has been passing  
 through a time of discussion, which  
 involved a number of the members. The  
 immediate cause was the visit of some  
 people from another Mission, but some  
 sin in our own Church was brought  
 to light by the means, and it all  
 resulted in the suspension of one young  
 man from the privileges of the Communion  
 until he should show repentance. We  
 feel that the home folk wish to share  
 our burdens and we ask your prayers  
 that this young man may soon  
 repent of his wrong doing. Now that  
 this is all cleared up, we feel that the  
 Church is better established than ever  
 before.

There is much opposition in  
 Raminari, but we believe that quiet  
 work is going on which will one day

appear.

Miss Green still has her own school in the Bazar and at times writes letters in the house of her girls.

Miss Greenwood had a school for boys near the sea shore, and has had much work assigned to her in the house among the women and girls. I have two

schools at the Fort two miles away.

Miss Johnson usually goes out with me, and while I attend to my school work, she visits among the people. As

often as possible, I have accompanied her. We have taken Sunday to visit

together in a near village about three miles distant. Sunday we

found our work on the road side, and were unable to reach the village, as we found the little groups of

missionaries all along the way. There is more or less fear among the natives, but when some doors are closed, others are opened.

Mr. Hamman has twice had the privilege of visiting the ex-King of Burma

was a nice review of Katusari,  
 in the second part he was recommended  
 to remain for the native work, in  
 some cases hindrance being and  
 although interesting it would  
 be a little better than being  
 in the office. He visited with  
 great interest and had a chance  
 to see some of it. He will  
 be glad to see the room may be soon  
 opened for more visits.

The general work of the Division  
 has been carried on as usual, together  
 with the printing in the Bay.

Our Station wishes in sending  
 Christian greetings.

Yours in His service,  
 Emily T. Minor.

DE. BROVYN

Kolhapur, India.

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Rev Arthur J. Brown, D.D.

Secretary.

My dear Dr. Brown.

I send you a few lines by to-day's post to let you know that we are all well at this station. I am also thankful to say that since I wrote you (Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) seven adults and one child have been baptized. Five adults & the child live at Kini. There are still others thinking about these things in Kini. I am sorry to say that a few days after the baptism in Kini the mother of the little child was stolen away while her husband was at work in the field, leaving the six months old babe behind. We hear it was her father & mother who came and took her away by force. We feel very sorry for the young wife, also for her little babe & her husband. We are praying earnestly,

that God may enable her yet to escape from her parents so that she may return to her husband and baby.

The work in Herla is also very encouraging, one of the seven adults baptized was from Herla, she is the wife of a young man who was baptized there about two years ago: several others there are asking for baptism. We feel that this is a time for much prayer and thanksgiving to God.

I expect to spend some hours in Herla to-morrow d. v. Two night schools have been recently opened there, in order that the young men who are at work during the day may have an opportunity to study. The day school has increased in numbers also since we have the new school room.

I know we have your prayers for ourselves and for the work God has given us to do for Him here.

Your brother in Christ:  
 J. W. Goheen

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RESOLUTIONS

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Adopted by the Ratnagiri Station, 9th October, 1895.

Whereas: The work in Ratnagiri has been materially hindered by agents' going into debt, even to the extent of dishonesty, and to the disgrace of the Mission cause, and this after repeated counsel and warning; and

Whereas: Hariba U. Ujagare has been guilty of such debt and dishonesty, having received since coming to Ratnagiri in November 1894, besides his salary of 15 rupees a month, gifts in cash amounting to 35 rupees so far as known to the members of the Station; having contracted debts amounting to at least Rs 34.14. 0, besides one claim of an amount not known, and having misappropriated to his own use 9 rupees of the Mission's funds;

Resolved: That he be dismissed, this action to take effect on 1st November 1895, with pay for one month beyond that date; and

Resolved: That any agent hereafter employed in this Station, going into debt to an amount greater than one month's salary be forthwith dismissed.



W. J.

Miss M. & Mother

Edinburgh

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Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1895.

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Dr Brown

Pres' Board of Foreign  
Missions, New York.

Dear Dr Brown:—

After having a rather rough passage from the time we left — Newfoundland bank, we reached Greenock on the 25<sup>th</sup> safely.

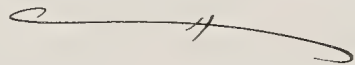
I thought you would be anxious to hear,

I decided to drop you  
a note now & not  
wait till I reached  
Dundee.

Kind regards to all  
my good friends at  
the Pres' Poems.

Very Sincerely

Helen G. McLusick.



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Kolhapur, India.

Oct. 1895

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.

Secretary

My dear Dr. Brown:

I do not mean to inflict a letter on you every month, and still I can't keep from reporting what the Lord hath done among us since Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen adults have been received into the Church here on profession of their faith. Of this number eight were from the towns I have told you of before. Herla, Kuni &c. Five were from our Girl's boarding school here at K. Last Sabbath was our Communion Sabbath. It was a day long to be remembered. Those who have been baptized in these towns have been boycotted & persecuted, but I am thankful to say they are standing firm. Saturday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> was spent by our church in prayer for God's help and blessing on those new Christians, they are truly "babes in Christ" & need our earnest prayers.)

Yours of Aug 29<sup>th</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - many thanks - Our Annual meeting begins Oct. 17 - so I am in the midst of an - Report &c. - so please spare a short spittle. I'm very glad to hear Mrs Seiler is to accompany her husband. Yours in His name, Joseph M. Goheen

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Mrs. G. & Mrs. K. Lewis

Kohaput. <sup>25th anniversary</sup> ~~congratulations~~

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Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> / 1895.

Rev. A. J. Brown. d. l. l.

My dear Mr. Brown;

A thought has occurred to me in regard to anniversaries, and while not of immense importance we of the Western Indico Mission are thinking of making a little of our Silver Anniversary.

Looking over some records, I find that October 20<sup>th</sup> / 95 was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. R. G. Wilder's taking up the work here, in behalf of the Presbyterian Board in New York.

Of course he was here before, but as a Presbyterian Mission we are now twenty five years old.

I write of it, because I have suggested it to our Mission, <sup>and they have accepted the idea</sup> that we observe the day in a special manner as it falls on the first Sunday of our Annual Meeting at Pankola. Our Meeting begins Oct-17<sup>th</sup> at 8 P. M.

1. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of S. Mission  
2. Baptists

and will doubtless sit for two days.

2. I wrote to you on August 8<sup>th</sup> mentioning Baptisms. The Word is certainly bringing the low or out-castes to look to him & we are seeing a few souls added to our Holbajpur Church.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, two men; August 8<sup>th</sup> three men, one woman & infant; August 30<sup>th</sup> two men; Sept 4<sup>th</sup> one woman; Sept 9<sup>th</sup> one woman & child; Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> two women; & Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> four men, one woman & child, were baptized, making eleven <sup>(11)</sup> men, six <sup>(6)</sup> women & three <sup>(3)</sup> infants since the middle of July or in two months <sup>from the Mahar class</sup>. There are also many inquiring the way of life.

Pray for them & write me that they may be kept firm & true among their people.

Very sincerely

Emily H. Ferris

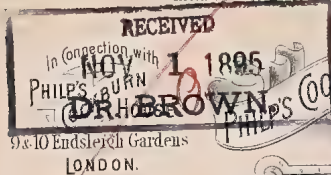
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exclusive Writing Room to Commercial Gentlemen.

*Seiler*  
*on ocean trip*  
*W. India*



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Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1895

Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown

Dear Bro:

We reached Glasgow in good condition yesterday morning. The Batanga Missionaries left this a.m. for Liverpool. We cannot sail from Liverpool for Bombay until Oct 30, tho our s.s. ("Persia") starts from Glasgow tomorrow.

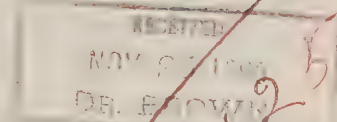
Sorry we must wait so long at the Board's expense, but we are getting reasonable rates here.

Yours sincerely & for  
Success, G. W. Seiler.

Atlantic was a little rough only first Sunday & last Saturday.

Mrs. Hannum

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Kalnagiri, India, Sept 30, 1895.

Dear Dr. Brown:

This is the regular time for a bi-monthly letter from this Station, but as you are so soon to have the reports - station and personal - and as these reports include half the time otherwise to be written of in this letter it seems hardly necessary to write fully now.

Since the 30th of September, our regular routine work, schools and Church preaching, has been carried on and the rest of the time has been given to writing reports preparing estimates and other matters preparatory to the Annual Mission Meeting.

The enclosed resolutions were adopted at one of our Station meetings. While this action was reluctantly taken we felt it was for the good of the man as well as for the work.

The Annual Meeting opened at Panha on October 1st. Misses Minor, Jefferson and Mrs. Hannum left here a few days before the time to attend the meeting. Misses Cluworth, Green

of the Gnanana Bible and Medical Mission,  
a native preacher and myself remaining in  
the Station

In answer to prayer that the important  
matters that come up this year in the Mission  
Meeting may be decided as God alone may  
direct.

Since Mr. Hannum left we have had an  
enquirer who seems in earnest. He is a young  
man of 19 years, of good family and high  
caste. At the close of a talk today he urged  
on to write a recommendation for him to the  
Police Superintendent in order that he might  
get employment in the Police Office. However  
this is not, as bad as to say - "After I am baptized  
I shall expect the Mission for your honor, to  
provide me a means of support, as I shall be  
turned out of my present employment." One  
feels very helpless under such circumstances.

In last week's mail Mr. Hannum received  
a photograph of you, which he has not yet seen  
& I want to take this opportunity to thank you  
for it. We shall feel much better acquainted now.

Your most cordial Christian greetings  
(Mrs. F. H.) Annabel M. Hannum,



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9th Annual Letter

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DR. BROWN.

Panhala. India  
Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Rev. Arthur J. Brown. M. S.  
Dear Mr. Brown

Probably by this same mail you are in receipt of the last set of personal reports from Poona as forwarded by our Station Secretary, Rev. J. M. Gokhale. Also of the Station Report, telling of the work in general.

There are a few matters I desire to mention to you and as I am still at Panhala for a day or two of quiet after our Annual Meeting I improve the opportunity in writing letters.

1<sup>st</sup>

Your kind letter of September 17<sup>th</sup> came on October 13<sup>th</sup> (twenty seven days inclusive of mailing & receipt.) Your reply to my enquiry about the Board paying a part of the expense of printing our Annual Report. The cost has been about 100 Rs, sometimes a little more & sometimes less. The Mission at its last meeting - as you will see when you receive the Minutes - decided to

take Indian girls under its care, being responsible financially only to the extent of one half of the printing of the Report number & also placing it under the supervision of the Publishing Committee. As the charge to the Board will only be about \$15.00 I trust it will be allowed us under printing.

Incl. In the estimates are two requests from Miss Patton & myself, heartily endorsed by the recommendation of the School Visiting Committee & the vote of the Mission.

As Miss Patton & I have been associated in the Boarding School for Christian Girls and our full term is due us at the close of 1898, we have asked for a lady to be sent to this School, to be in training for such a place where girls would be here & be associated in Boarding its work & know that all of it is to be her work. She must learn the language, for all its teaching & conduct is done by means of the Marathi lan-

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image. English only coming in as  
a reward for girls in the upper classes.  
Our main objects are to train the children  
of Christians in a knowledge of Christ  
& to fit them for wives & mothers.

3rd

When the School-house & Dormitory  
were built we did not have faith to aim  
at any thing beyond twenty five boarders.  
For several years past we have had  
thirty and more; our highest number  
being thirty-six, as we could not squeeze in any

Dormitory,

to the country & people demand such an  
enlargement of our girls that a matron to live  
\$5000 a year under the same roof is necessary.

The girls being, many of them, really  
young women require at least two  
bath-rooms & should have separate  
sleeping rooms, from the little ones.

There is not a proper amount of  
sleeping room to meet the requirements  
of health & decency, hence we now  
ask the Board to give us money  
for an enlargement to the Dormitory.  
We do not ask for anything but a

good roof, on good walls with nothing fancy or ornamental as we believe in training our pupils in the plain of life. To which they must go as wives or teachers. We have asked for 3500 Rupees to add to the living rooms, this including a stone wall about the additional rooms. We have found it absolutely necessary to have this stone wall

4<sup>th</sup>

A small school-room with one recitation room is all we have for seven classes.

Though we expect the full number of thirty six boarders here with perhaps ten day pupils, we may have to have all of the full grades 2100 Rs as much as if it were a larger school. At times we have seven

recitations at one time when the pupil teachers are at work. We beg of you that you will intercede for these endeavourments for us.

There is a great necessity of keeping & guarding our girls as to keep away all scandal, so this must

sleep & dine in a more secluded way than is required for the boys. (to be referred to Mrs. Dr.)

19 S/B Asia Miss M. C. Dutcher

V. S. Govt 4<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Dr. Brown.

Sec. Board of Foreign Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.  
New York, Oct.

Dear Dr. Brown,

As we expect to be in Bombay on the 6<sup>th</sup> I thought it wise to write you now so that I could mail it as soon as we reach Bombay.

All together, I think we had a very pleasant voyage, & find our missionaries very agreeable on board ship.

I understand that probably I shall not study the language in Mirat; I may not go to my station direct from Bombay, but I suppose that has all been previously arranged, &

✓/ that I shall know as soon  
as I get to Bombay.

I ask you to pray that I may be  
fitted for the work of the future,  
Dr Brown, and that I may be  
strengthened spiritually to enable  
me to be a good representative  
of our Board.

I am

Yours in the Master's Work  
Helen G. Jy<sup>ce</sup> Lutzsch.

1. Annual Reports
2. New Converts
3. Furlough.

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Kolhapur, India,

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Rev Arthur J. Brown, D.D. Secretary.

My dear Dr. Brown:

J. M. G. G. G.

1. As Secretary of the Kolhapur Station I send you herewith the Station, Statistical and Personal reports. We were at Paughala 15 days and had most delightful meetings. The minutes will show you what was done. I will explain that the introduction to our Station Report is intended rather for the whole Mission, as this (Oct 20<sup>th</sup>) was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Mission since our Board took it over from Mr. Wilder in 1870. We had a very good anniversary meeting & closed it by a "Thank Offering" for the "Million Dollar Fund," amounting to Rs 315.

2 I am thankful to tell you that since I last wrote you in Oct. 5 Adults & 3 children have been baptized. These are not counted in our Reports, as they only come up to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> '95. The good work is still going forward, and we are still asking for & expecting larger things. 3. You will see by the minutes that the Mission voted that we should go home next March, our 8 years are up we both feel worn out.

Yours fraternally Joseph. M. Gohere.

1. Estimates
2. Building needs
3. Land
4. Land
5. School attendance

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C. E. ...

Punkala, India Nov. 14 1895

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Dear Dr. Brown,

1. Taking Mr. ... into account that the ... estimates have reached you, I would call the ... attention to the estimate for Punkala. In the ... lands there is a small ... at Koldi near the church which is trying to be ...

2. It is very ... to be ... with ... in this ... has been ... by the addition of three ... this ... can not ... us all. So we ... you may ... to ... the ...

The amount of ... for that ... we trust that ... can be ... But as ... is largely ... a class ... & wholly to be properly ... as ... we may ... grant the ... for two new schools ... the ... in several of the ... that we give ... to ...



See the note on the other side of the paper - in the margin of the original - page 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

An effort to be made for the revision of  
 the paper in a distinct & the revision of the text  
 to be made in the next year.

4. \$1000 per year at least. India it is not too

most difficult to to increase but it is not too  
 difficult to to increase but it is not too

for our revision. Some of the and many of  
 the questions, you can readily see a tendency

to into nation supremacy. This Dr. J. W. L. is  
 an unwise encouragement given in the recent

Annual. Especially in our discussion, the business  
 of the General or President, is already too

vague & uncertain. I can not then have  
 a's but some a several franchise to be

a congregation instead. The franchise

The year 1914 was encouraged by what  
 we called a visiting committee or a

committee. Two were appointed & advised by  
 the Mission to visit all our stations & to

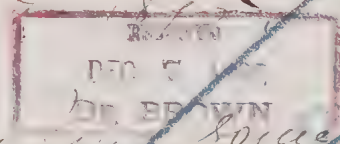
to report accordingly up on the general  
 status of the work of the Mission. But this

entry made me sorry that they had so much dis-  
 couraged that it was so well done.

Business & common sense  
 J. W. L.

Puechala Cecilia

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Dear Dr. Brown,

Enclosed you will find some reports from us of what is passing at the Puechala field.

I thought you might want to see the report of our Medical Assistant Mr. George H. George, I have sent it. I am sure you or your fellow workers to try and get on for ever more & more their experience with their fellow countrymen & our of the opinion. In this way only can the "Home Church" get the real inner life and true status of those they are trying to help.

In the Public Notice Report is made up simply of my work, I shall only add in the language of Miss W. write some excellent missionary report. I have done those things I ought not to have done and left undone those things I ought to have done?

Yours very truly

L. A. Bedford

(recd July 27)

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Panbala India

March 7 - 1893.

My dear Mr. Speer

L. B. Tedford

(Yours of Feb. 1st - came to

duly to hand. I trust we all as missionaries and  
as a Mission will take into proper consideration  
the Board's circular on the Independence of the  
Indian Church. But I have not failed to  
see or hear of a single church in India  
supported by the indigenous wealth of the  
country. The principal contributions by  
far are from those members engaged in  
Mission work - native agents & missionaries  
themselves.

May the good Lord hasten the time when the poor  
persecuted child of Christ in India can take  
refuge under a true law of religious neutrality.  
Such a law in India today is more of  
a dream than real thing. England's Ch.  
Queen & India's Brahminism, comprising  
Governor-General are two very different  
persons as far as the execution of the law.  
The same law in the same official hands  
in England and in India seem

to be a very different means of power.)

I write to inform you of the action our Mission has recently taken on the 900 Transjane from Pauhala Station to that of Miraj - embodied in the following resolution:

"The 900 Gov. Paul. Teachers to use & not of laborer can not be used to work in the field with the

They that the Mission to the people to trust it and to be not a waste of money & especially money."

This action was taken in view of the Mission's

Very truly  
yours

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*[Signature]*

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JUL 5 - 1895  
MR. SPEER.

L. B. Tedford Esq

Keshosau June 6 - 1895.

My Dear Mr. Speer,

I would direct your attention to the receipt of your order for the Journal of Theological Studies, published by Pauline, asking nothing in or in advance, the subject of the 750 Journal of Theological Studies are at Pauline held some ten numbers & out issues, also extensive quantities of the theological students & their wives. It is annually fortified and were, against the same extent of the Journal. There is also at Keshosau some numbers & out houses intended for open air use during the fair & many Journal - all included in the Pauline Journal.

Out Journal also first sent a receipt for Journal for sent & repairs. As now I should to you the sanction of Journal to the Journal asked for sent & repairs in the Journal. According to the consent of Journal & Journal & Journal of Journal we can see the Journal.

during the winter, ~~the~~ <sup>temporary</sup> supply of  
work in the station <sup>is</sup> temporary supply of  
ready hand. I have sent a <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~  
in Kollapur <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>20</sup> ~~20~~  
until the road to Kodaci is completed (which  
it is hoped will be in a few months) I am  
advised not to hire at Kodaci during the

language of mission funds for the building  
of native factor's house at Kodaci etc. etc.  
has so appeared my pocket that I  
feel very inability to attempt <sup>any</sup> ~~any~~  
year in this direction.

Our son Arthur is now attending Mr. Erwin's  
High School among other things, laying  
the foundation of an excellent knowledge  
of Marathi which we trust to good God  
in his own time may have him  
use to good effect in the land of his  
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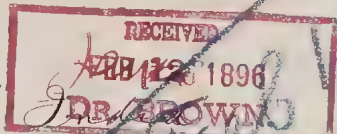
Yours Very Sincerely

C. B. [Signature]

- 1 / need of new missionaries
- 2 Continuation of Sangli & Benbalga

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Ratnagiri



5 December 1895

Dear Dr. Brown:

H. J. Hamman

May I write a few words unofficially concerning the affairs of the Mission? I wish that I could show the urgent need of the six new missionaries now asked. We can only trust the Lord and the Board to provide and to dispose the funds and the forces as may be best for the world-field. By all means give us men rather than buildings. The dwellings now owned and rented by the Board in this field will easily hold eight or ten new missionaries during their two years of language study. It will be time enough after they come to erect any new buildings that may be necessary. I would suggest that the question of renting rather than owning such additional residences as may be needed be thoroughly considered by the Board before the Mission's rather large demands under Class VIII are granted. Dwellings

can be rented in Koldipair and Kaldipair  
 (our largest Stations) and probably at  
 Miraj and Sangli.

With regard to the Panhala and Sangli  
 Stations, I earnestly wish that some  
 improvement could be made in their  
 status before any large grants are made  
 for property there. I think that the  
 Mission is unanimously agreed that  
 Panhala is not a suitable place for  
 a working station - though it would  
 be well to hold it as an outstation.  
 It is desired that some other place be  
 selected for a station instead of Panhala  
 Islampura has been suggested, but it is  
 not certain that it would be the proper  
 place. Would it not be well if the Board  
 created Panhala a station, should  
 remove Panhala to an outstation, according  
 to the Mission's action to be found in our  
 Minutes of 1st November 1893, at the same  
 time promising a new station when the best  
 situation is determined?

As to Sangli, I suppose that no one  
 possibly could be the missionaries to be



removed and the property to be sold off, but even that extreme remedy would probably be better than the continuance of the present condition. The situation of Sangli, only five miles from the important station of Miraj with no physical barrier between, is not <sup>only</sup> an exhibition of disunion but a provocation to increase of such feeling. The natural remedy would be to strike the name of Sangli from our list of stations and to require that the missionaries residing there be considered as members of Miraj Station. This step would have been easy if the Board had insisted upon it three years ago when Miraj Station was opened, and though such action would be difficult for the Mission to take alone, on account of the feelings involved, yet it would be easy for the Board to secure by wise suggestions, and far easier now than a few years hence.

X I hope that, on the new set of Rules just adopted by the Mission, you will give us the full benefit of your criticisms. It is especially desirable now before

the Rules are printed, as they probably will be in a year. Please give us all possible light too on the matter of qualifications and pay of Indian agents.

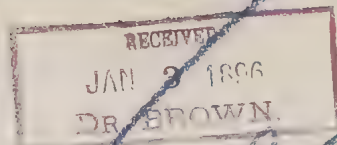
Observing that our Ratnagiri Station Report omits the names of the Station officers, I would say that I am the Secretary; Mr. Wilson was elected Treasurer, but owing to his removal to Kolhapur, another election is to be held; and Miss Minor and Mrs. Hannum are the Auditing Committee.

Accept Mrs. Hannum's and my thanks for your photograph, which came here when I was away at the Annual Meeting. We greatly value such a help to the progress of our mutual acquaintance. We write in kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours Cordially,  
William B. Hannum.

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Ratnagiri India  
5 December 1895

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Secretary,  
Board of Foreign Missions W. H. Kimball  
New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Under registered cover I send you today a package containing Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of your "Western India" Mission; also the Report of Ratnagiri Station, both Statistical and General, for the year ending 30th September last, and the personal Reports of the members of that Station.

Your attention is respectfully invited to two particular points in the Minutes, viz.

(1) The Mission's reply to the Board's inquiry concerning the "National Church in India". (See page 23.)

(2) The expectation that eight members will leave the field in 1898, and the consequent urgency of the Mission's present requests for reinforcements. (See page 72.)

2. You will notice also that the names of Mr and Mrs. Jolly are still recorded in the roll of the Mission (See page 11) This is because the Mission has received no notice that the Board have severed their connection with the Mission. If such action has been or should be taken, will you kindly advise us? Of course it is our earnest desire that they may if possible return to the field.

You will observe too that the Mission has adopted the "A. B. C. Code" for telegraphic use. (See page 11) To increase the usefulness of the code it would seem well to fill up the private code in the appendix with sentences most likely to be wanted both for communications between Missions and the Board, and among Stations on the field. Such subjects, for example, as special estimates and appropriations, sickness, deaths and deaths, would seem to need special treatment than the Code gives. A notice to report that such a list of sentences for the private code be made

in your office and sent to the field.

Thanks for the Estimate blanks and slips "Analysis of Expenses". They came in the nick of time. Will you please see that a copy of that slip (Form 2) is sent to every member of the Mission. This is necessary to the intelligent conduct of the Mission's finances. The four copies sent are insufficient.

The recent Meeting of the Mission was a happy one, both as regards progress in the business and methods, and as regards the cordial feeling and the evident Divine presence and blessing. With prayer for blessing on the Board, and with our united regards to yourself

I remain,

Yours in the Gospel,  
 William H. Cannon  
 Secretary of Mission

1. Title to Pali: (Bi-monthly letter) Miss M. Jefferson
2. Miss Green's description
3. Additional facts Pali 15 miles east of Wahiāgiri
4. Schools
5. Native Church
6. Expiration terms of service x 25

December 18, 1895

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 DR. BROWN

Dear Dr. Brown:

1. This has been a day of unusual encouragement and ~~adventure~~ experiences are fresh in my mind perhaps I had better make a beginning of the bi-monthly letter, for it falls to my lot to write it this month. Miss Green, of the Geneva Bible and Medical Mission, and I came to this village yesterday. We took up our abode in the Government Traveller's Bungalow and are very comfortable. The village is a small one consisting principally of the outcaste people called Mahais. Before leaving home we unitedly asked at our regular Sunday evening prayer meeting that God would open a door for us that no man could shut and we feel He has done it. Miss Green has just written a little account of the day and I have asked her to let me quote it in my letter.

2. "The people received us gladly. They did indeed drink in with joy the words of eternal life. We felt that the Lord opened their hearts and

has begun a work which it will carry on. A great number were women and they followed us to every house door in all the district we went this morning. The same women listened for more than two hours and at the end seemed eager for more. One woman said "Sing the children's hymn again" I never saw women listen so eagerly for so long a time to the Gospel message. At one house a man came up and said "This kind (women) don't understand you". Several women spoke up immediately saying "We do understand, we understand it all" And when assured again that the story of Jesus had a place in heaven was for them their faces lighted up with joy. We then read from John 4<sup>th</sup> chapter to prove to them that Jesus really loved the women. Evening we again went into the village. Some of the women of our mornings acquaintance came again and drank in the words eagerly. Almost every heart seemed opened for the good seed "the power is the Lord's only."

Within the last few weeks Miss Green and I have made four short trips into the villages. This is delightful work even though

we do get a few Jews and an occasional stone  
 We agree with Spurgeon that the Devil's good is  
 the best assurance that God is working.

In touring one must necessarily do a good  
 deal of walking for the villages are scattered  
 and hidden away in some valley or on some  
 hillside which can only be reached on foot.  
 We start tomorrow morning for one of these  
 secluded villages. It is good to be footsore  
 in such a cause. Many of us in this Station  
 expect to do a good deal of touring this  
 Cold Season.

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I am glad to have the privilege of  
 telling you about the arrival of our  
 additional forces. On November 6 Miss Sharp  
 and Miss Ferguson of the Y. W. M. Mission joined  
 our ranks. They impress us as being  
 very strong noble women. Their conflicts and  
 victories in the study of the language have  
 already begun. I was surprised to hear each  
 of them recite a verse in Marathi the other  
 evening at family prayers. —

On December 6 Mr and Miss Brown arrived  
 at their new field of labor. They need no  
 introduction to you. It is scarcely necessary



I say ed yet we gladly improve the opportunity of saying we feel God has shown us great favor in sending two such experienced and consecrated workers to our needy district of more than a million and a half souls. At our Station meeting soon after their arrival Mr. Irwin was advised to give as much of his time as practicable to work in the district. The care of the out-station Bengalee was put under his charge. Miss Irwin does not take up any school work at present, hence she will be free to tour with her brother.

Speaking of Bengalee brings afresh to mind the sad affliction which has come to Baijabai the wife of Balavantarava the Mission's Agent at that town. In November Balavantarava came to Ratnagiri to be present at the Communion service. His wife was left behind the only Christian woman in the place. It may be she was deeply grieved at this, or that she received a terrible fright—we know not the real cause but in a few days she was brought to Ratnagiri bound hand and foot, her reason was dethroned. She was taken to the hospital, but as no relief could be given

her there she was transferred to the Susane Asylum where she now is. She rec moments of sanity, knows where she is & would get out. Her husband courageously took the little boy and returned to Bengale & carry on the work committed to his charge. Surely these two Christians need our united prayers that the one may be restored to health and that the other may be strengthened under this severe trial.

Rahagun Dec. 23

The five schools are still keeping up their usual record. The one under Miss Howarth has taken a step in advance. The boys of that school have begun to attend the Sunday School at the church. Formerly Miss Howarth went to the day school building and conducted the service there. The school at Ambe Setai has been transferred to Miss Minor care. Government Standards are being introduced into all of our schools. This together with a change in the religious instruction for the schools has given Miss Minor added work, hence she has not been able to join

us in the tours.

Native  
Church

Mr. Hannum has made repeated efforts to have the native portion of our Church seek to extend its influence and help beyond the limit of its own walls. This has not been altogether without fruit. It has been decided to take up a collection quarterly in the interest of Home Missions. The first collection amounted to Rs 18. 15. 6 and was sent to the Committee of native brethren of the Presbytery to aid in the support of the Ayatavadi Church. The Christmas Collection is to be divided between the home and foreign fields, the greater part to be sent to Bogota.

We as a Station were much benefited by the visit of Mrs. Constantine and Miss Orlebar who were the guests of Miss Harworth and Miss Green during the first few days of this month. Mrs. Constantine is an English lady and has been a missionary in Smyrna for several years. She comes to India now under the auspices of the Revuek Committee for a year or more. She and Miss Orlebar of Calcutta are to hold meetings among English

speaking people. India is being favored in many such ways. Does it not mean that God is preparing His people for the harvest of souls for which many have prayed and labored?

Have you realized that at the close of the year 1898 the term of eight of the missionaries of the Western India Mission expires; and ~~six~~ of those eight are stationed at Ratuajini? It is necessary to have others sent out to be learning the language so that God's cause shall not be hindered.

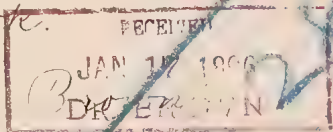
We earnestly join you in prayer that God may thrust forth laborers into the harvest.

All the members of our Station are well and all send cordial Christian greetings

Yours in Him  
 Amanda M. Jefferson.

1. Arrival.
2. Accommodation <sup>26</sup> Kolhapur, India
3. Transferred ~~Panaji~~ December 20th. 1895
4. Miss Patton letter.
5. ~~Goheen - U. S. Mars~~ Jennie Sherman  
Dr. Arthur T. Brown,

New York.



My Dear Dr. B.

1. I landed in Bombay on Saturday last, having made the trip from New York in 30 days. My journey was, on the whole, very pleasant excepting the last week. 2. At Aden we changed to a small steamer. My cabin was down so low that no port-holes could be opened. Being very warm weather, this made the nights almost unbearable. The food

too was very bad, consequently several of the passengers were quite ill from it. I should say from my own experience that it is a bad plan to change at Aden. Every other week the P. & O. runs a steamer directly to Bombay.

Mr. Gohien kindly met me in Bombay & we reached Kolhapur on Tuesday. I am staying here a few days waiting for my trunks to come after which I expect to go to Kodoli, one of the outstations of Panhala, where Mr. & Mrs. Tedford, Miss Brown & Miss McIntosh are at present. 3. You have no doubt learned from the minutes of our mission meeting that

Miss Brown & I are stationed at Panhala. It is our plan to spend most of the year in touring. We will have to remain in one place during the rainy season. It is possible that I may go out at once with Miss Hilder after I reach Kodoli but nothing is settled yet.

4. I am very glad to report that Miss Patton is much better. She has been better ever since her season at Mahableshwar last spring. She plans to stay in Kolhapur during the coming hot season & I may keep her company.

6. We hope that nothing will prevent the return of the Soheens to America in March. Both Mr. & Mrs. Soheen need the change very much.

I am very glad to note the growth in the work here during the past year. Many of the schools are overflowing & the village work is most encouraging. The village Christians have been severely tried of late; but no doubt Mr. Soheen has written you of this.

I hope Dr. Gillespie has recovered from his fall. Give him my regards.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jennie Sherman.

Address my letters  
to Kolhapur.

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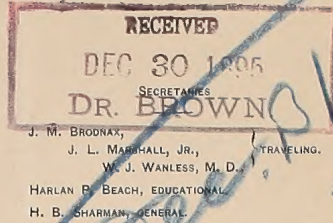
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Rev Dr Brown

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New York

W. J. Wanless

My Dear Doctor Brown

The Western India Mission, I understand, is asking for four new male missionaries and one single lady. Every one of these is, I am sure, urgently needed. The missionaries on the field have doubtless written their own appeal for these new workers. I presume it will depend largely upon the Board's financial prospects for the next fiscal year as to whether they will be sent or not. I would like to do something to aid in securing the appointment of these much needed new missionaries.

Mr Sherwood Eddy one of the travelling secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement was instrumental, I believe, in raising between eight and ten thousand dollars last year in Detroit & Cleveland for the general funds of our Board



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I have thought that it might be possible for me to do something in the way suggested by Mr. Raddy's Campaign, after I have completed my work of the Colleges. I expect to spend three months in Philadelphia in the spring and early summer chiefly with the object of pursuing post graduate study - provided I am not required to return to India then. I would like at that time, with the Board's permission, to visit some churches in or near Philadelphia with the hope of helping to secure these reinforcements for our mission. Will the Board sanction the effort?

I would like to know also if the Board's recent action with reference to furloughs, will apply to me in view of having left the field before the action was taken.

Mr. Wanless although very much improved in health will not I feel sure be well enough to return to India in the spring but I doubt not that by the end of summer she will be able to sail.

Very cordially yours  
 W. J. Wanless